

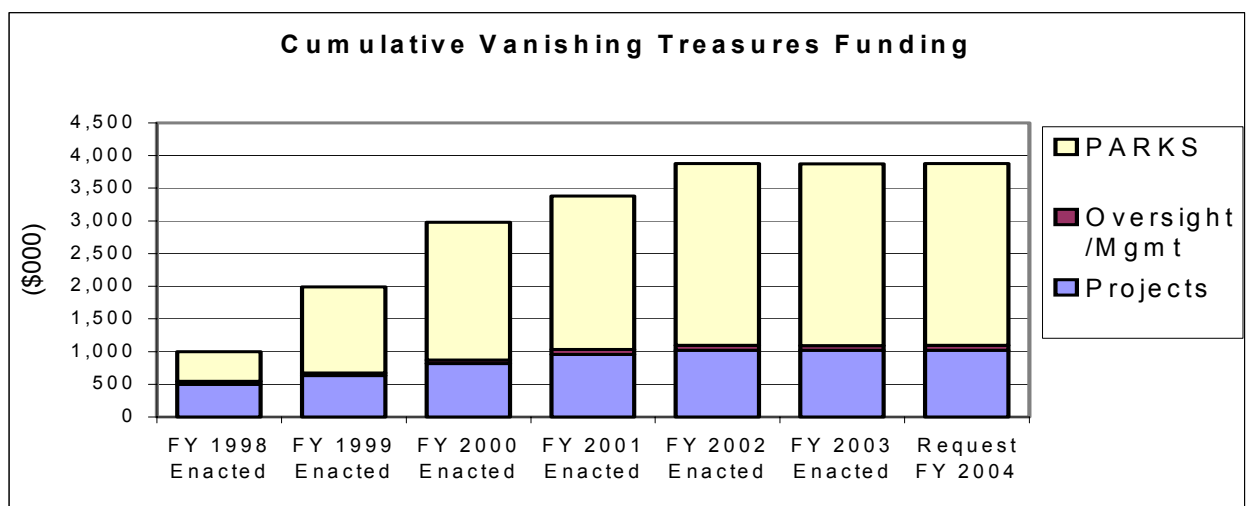


National Park Service Vanishing Treasures Initiative

The Vanishing Treasures Initiative was established in FY 1998 to provide funds to reduce threats to ancient prehistoric and historic sites and structures in 41 parks of the Intermountain Region. The goal is to overcome backlogged preservation work by bringing sites and structures to a condition in which they will be preserved by routine maintenance activities. The intent also is to increase NPS expertise and capability for maintaining these sites and structures.

Three primary thrusts define the Vanishing Treasures Initiative. First, the initiative seeks to eliminate resource loss by addressing emergency project needs where structures are in immediate, imminent danger from natural erosive factors or the cumulative pressures of visitation. Secondly, it focuses on replacement of an aging workforce that has unique craft skills that will be lost unless these people can mentor new, younger workers before they retire. Third, throughout its life span, the initiative strives to move to a proactive preservation program in which structures would be evaluated and ranked for treatment priority, and the best preservation options selected. As outlined in the “Vanishing Treasures Strategic Plan,” the program is led by a Management Team which defines policy, ensures program consistency and accountability, and provides overall program coordination.

The goals of the “Vanishing Treasures Strategic Plan” include developing a standardized system to measure inventory, condition assessment, and accomplishments; formulating a workforce augmentation and replacement plan; seeking appropriate avenues for providing adequate and consistent funding and other support; and establishing guidelines for consistency in strategy and technical application, and defining the ruins preservation process. Since the program’s inception, 23 parks have received base funding to hire and train skilled preservation staff. Approximately 1/3 of the funds has been used for emergency projects and program management.





NPS Vanishing Treasures Funding, FY 1998 through FY 2004

(in thousands of dollars)

	FY 1998 Program	FY 1999 Program	FY 2000 Program	FY 2001 Program	FY 2002 Program	FY 2003 Program	Cumulative Through FY 2003	Requested FY 2004 Program
<u>REGIONAL OFFICE</u>								
Projects	497	645	827	969	1,021	1,021	4,980	1,021
Oversight/Mgmt	50	27	44	64	77	70	332	77
Subtotal Regional Office	547	672	871	1,033	1,098	1,091	5,312	1,098
<u>PARKS</u>								
Aztec Ruins NM	84	88	88	146	146	146		146
Bandelier NM		113	113	113	113	113		113
Canyon de Chelly NM					58	58		58
Canyonlands NP					118	118		118
Casa Grande Ruins NM				68	68	68		68
Chaco Culture NHP		214	214	269	324	324		324
Chiricahua NM	34	36	36	36	36	36		36
El Malpais NM		68	126	126	126	126		126
El Morro NM				55	55	55		55
Fort Bowie NHS		53	53	53	53	53		53
Fort Davis NHS			110	110	110	110		110
Fort Union NM					71	71		71
Glen Canyon NRA					63	63		63
Grand Canyon NP			58	58	58	58		58
Hovenweep NM					70	70		70
Mesa Verde NP	67	71	332	332	332	332		332
Montezuma Castle NM		106	106	106	106	106		106
Navajo NM	33	37	117	117	117	117		117
Salinas Pueblo Missions NHP	33	181	236	236	236	236		236
San Antonio Missions NHS		71	126	126	126	126		126
Tonto NM	51	55	55	55	55	55		55
Tumacacori NHP	91	104	167	167	167	167		167
Wupatki/Sunset Crater/Walnut Canyon	60	118	173	173	173	173		173
Subtotal, Parks	453	1,315	2,110	2,346	2,781	2,781	2,781	2,781
Total, Vanishing Treasures	1,000	1,987	2,981	3,379	3,879	3,872		3,879
Total Appropriated through FY 2003 ¹							8,093	

¹ Includes most-recent annual park base for each park and cumulative total for projects and oversight.